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## BOLSHEVIKI CAUSE OF TROUBLE AT MINERS' MEETING IN ELLSWORTH

Claim War Fund Was Not Properly Used And Want Money Returned

### TROUBLE DUE TO PROPAGANDA

A meeting of the miners at Ellsworth developed into a near-riot Monday night, when they had met to take action with reference to the United War Work Community Service, to which all of the men in the company had paid the sum of \$4.75.

The meeting Monday evening was held under the supervision of Special Agent K. K. McClure, of the United States Department of Justice, who had been assigned to represent the government by United States District Attorney R. L. Crawford.

According to the government authorities the miners during the War Work drive, unanimously decided to contribute \$4.75 per man to the war fund. After the men had adopted a resolution to that effect the company deducted the \$4.75 from each employee's pay, making a total of \$7,596.88 which was sent to the war fund headquarters at New York.

Several weeks ago, government agents say, a foreigner who said that he had been overseas with the U. S. Army, applied for work at the Ellsworth mines, and was given employment. Three days later word reached company officials that many of the Russian miners were telling other workmen that they wanted their money refunded. Investigation by government agents showed that the former soldier told his fellow workmen that the United States War Community Service had done nothing for the boys overseas and that nearly all of the money contributed had been "pocketed by those in charge of the drive." Many of the workmen also declared that officials of the coal company had sent only a part of the money to New York, alleging that the balance was to be used in giving a banquet.

These false reports spread quickly, which resulted in government and miners' organization officials going to Ellsworth on Monday to make an investigation. At the meeting held Monday several addresses were made saying the reports were false, and a motion was made opposing the refund of the money. This brought on a violent disturbance, in which about 300 Russian miners took part, they jumping to their feet and crying, "Bolshevik! Bolshevik! We want our money." The meeting became so boisterous that it was judged best to adjourn for fear that it would degenerate into a riot.

Following the meeting it was announced that the company will place receipts for the amount of money contributed by each miner in their pay envelopes today. It is planned to cash the receipts if the men desire to do so.

15TH ENGINEERS SAID  
TO BE ON WAY HOME

It was reported in Pittsburgh Monday evening that the Fifteenth Engineers had embarked at a French port and were on their way home. While the report was not official it was said to come from very reliable sources. The Fifteenth has seen a great deal of service in France, having left Oakmont for overseas in July, 1917. It is said this regiment holds the honor of laying the first United States railroad in France.

### INSTANTLY KILLED BY RAILROAD TRAIN

George Weis, aged 52 years, was instantly killed by the 7:28 express train, northbound, at Monongahela this morning. Weis, who was in the hide and tallow business, was backing his truck at the time over the railroad tracks when it was hit by the engine. The truck was knocked over the river bank, while Weis was dragged quite a distance. When picked up he was dead.

Weis' place of business was near Bridge street, Monongahela. He had his shop on the river bank, where he also kept his truck. This building is quite close to the railroad, and in going to and from the building it is necessary to cross the tracks. It was while backing over the tracks this morning that Weis met his death. He was aged 52 years and for a number of years was in the meat business in Monongahela, which he disposed of some time ago, confining himself to the hide and tallow business.

### CHARLEROI BOYS ARE NOW IN GERMANY

Relatives of Henry Becker have received a letter from him stating that he is stationed in Honigen, Germany, a small town on the banks of the Rhine. He mentioned meeting Enoch Davis, another Charleroi boy who is in Honigen. The boys are well pleased with the treatment accorded them by the natives.

Mary Elizabeth Jenkins, died at her home, 617 Fallowfield avenue, Tuesday morning, January 28, at 8 o'clock. Funeral services Thursday morning with interment at Scenery Hill.

Josephine Godciabojs, died at her home, Lock Four, January 27, aged 29 years. Funeral services Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, interment in Charleroi cemetery.

Notice to Our Pupils  
In accordance with the ruling of the Board of Health, lifting the ban on the assembling of persons under 18 years of age, all pupils may now return to school at once.  
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## Ban Is Removed By The Board Of Health

At a special meeting of the Board of Health held Monday evening, the ban which was placed about a week ago on all schools, as well as the restrictions on Sunday schools, moving picture houses and other forms of amusement were removed, to take effect this morning. The general improvement of health conditions in the borough, according to the members of the Board, warranted this action being taken and from this time on it is hoped that everything will be on a normal basis.

In accordance with this action Superintendent Pollock this morning announced that the public schools will open at the usual time Wednesday morning and he hopes to continue them now without any further interruption until the end of the term, which this year will end on the 13th of June. During the present school year forty school days have been lost due to quarantines or two full picture houses and other forms of amusement were removed, to take effect this morning. The general improvement of health conditions in the borough, according to the members of the Board, warranted this action being taken and from this time on it is hoped that everything will be on a normal basis.

## License Applicants Will All Be Opposed

The Washington County Dry Federation, the Plummer Temperance Fund Trustees and other remonstrants against the granting of liquor licenses in Washington county, through their counsel, Attorney John C. Judson, expect, judging from the "charges and specifications" filed on Monday against every retail applicant and brewer to raise questions of law in attacking the right of the court to grant these licenses for the coming year.

In the matter of the retail applications the point is raised that the law makes it obligatory for the court to grant a license for one year and that if the law is thus complied with the action of the court will conflict with the act of Congress, the war measure making the country dry after the 30th of June until peace is declared and the troops demobilized.

In the matter of the breweries the dry forces will raise the question that the court cannot under the law grant a modified license to sell brewed liquors, though they may not be manufacturing.

Under the act of Congress the brewing of liquors was forbidden after December 1, 1918 and since that

Notice To Stockholders  
A meeting of the stockholders of the Citizens' Library Association of Lock No. 4, Pa., will be held in the Association building, North Charleroi, Pa., Wednesday, January 29, 1919, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m. Business of importance. Every stockholder is asked to attend.  
R. A. Roberts, Secretary.

Coyle Theatre Friday  
Fred Stone the world's greatest Acrobatic Comedian in "THE GOAT"  
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### MIGHT'S BOOK STORE

## WARNS AGAINST SPECULATORS WHO ARE BUYING LIBERTY BONDS

THIRTY-SIX STATES  
CERTIFY TO AMENDMENT

Thirty-six states have certified to the ratification of the federal prohibitory amendment, a number sufficient to make the amendment a part of the constitution. The proclamation is now being prepared, which will make the measure effective on the 16th of January, 1920. More than enough states have ratified the amendment, and it is expected the number will be increased, but after 36 have certified to the federal government the proclamation may be issued.

## KILLED BY TRAIN AT BROWNSVILLE

Arthur Wainwright of Elco aged 22, employed as a flagman on the P. & L. E. Railroad, was run down and so badly injured by his own train at West Brownsville Junction at 5:50 o'clock Monday evening, that he died about three hours later in the Brownsville hospital.

Wainwright was standing about two car lengths in the rear of his train, when it began to move backward. Evidently he failed to notice its approach, for it ran him down, the wheels passing over his legs above the knees, badly crushing them. He was rushed to the Brownsville hospital, where he died a short time later.

The body was brought to his home in Elco this morning and prepared for burial. He is survived by his widow, parents, six brothers and four sisters.

Mrs. Liza Williams Wilson  
Mrs. Liza Williams Wilson, wife of Henry Wilson, died at her home, 27 Main street, Fayette City, Monday, January 27, 1919 of pneumonia. She is survived by her husband and two children, her mother, three sisters and one brother. Funeral will take place at St. Ursula church, at 2 o'clock Thursday with interment in Fayette City cemetery.

Edward Noel  
Edward Noel died at his home, Lock No. 4, Monday, January 27 at 7 o'clock, p. m. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Eve Noel and one daughter, Merle L. Funeral services from his late home, Conrad avenue, Lock Four, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Joseph Tomasite  
Joseph Tomasite, aged 17 years, son of Dominic Tomasite, of 812 McKean avenue, died Monday evening at 7:50. Funeral services Thursday morning, with interment in Calvary cemetery.

Neomi Bosson  
Neomi, infant of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Bosson of Crest avenue, died January 27, aged 11 months. Funeral at Wednesday at Coraopolis, Pa.

Owners of These Securities  
Should Hold on to Their Possessions

### FREE LEGAL SERVICE TO SOLDIERS

The Washington County Branch of the Pennsylvania Council National Defense and Committee of Public Safety, James E. Barnett chairman, asks the publication of the following important announcement:

The dependents of soldiers are not receiving their allotments because of the incompetency and neglect of those in charge. All persons affected in Washington County will please report such cases to A. M. Linn, Washington Trust Building, Washington, Penna., for transmission to our members of Congress.

It is intended that the history of this war shall be the most complete ever written. In order to do this it is necessary that the letters written by soldiers and members of War Aid organizations from France and in this country be preserved. It is therefore requested that all families and persons having such letters will send them to the Historical Society, Court House, Washington, Penna., for filing for the use of the Historical Commission of the State. They will be of great use in the future to the families and descendants of soldiers. The letters should be arranged in order and with the name and organization of the writer plainly marked.

It has been reported that unscrupulous agents of speculative companies are trying to get the owners of Liberty Bonds to trade them for stock in such companies. They cunningly say they will take the bonds at their full value which of course they can well afford to do when they pay for them in the kind of stock they have. One such agent in Washington claimed that one hundred dollars in the stock of his company would be worth ten thousand dollars in the stock of his company would be worth ten thousand dollars in ten years and that this guarantee would be on the stock certificate. Our foreigners especially must be protected from such people and any persons knowing of the operations of such agents are requested to notify the District Attorney, Washington, Pa.

Many soldiers and sailors will have lawsuits on hands due to their absence. If this is the case they can get free assistance by applying to the Legal Advisory Board of Washington County which consists of:

James A. Wiley, Washington, Pa.  
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Carl E. Gibson, Monongahela, Pa.  
D. M. McCloskey, Charleroi, Pa.

### Coyle Theatre Today

Mary MacLaren and Franklin Farnum in a 6 reel feature, "VANITY POOL"  
Tomorrow—Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne in a Metro feature, "The Poor Rich Man"



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### Majestic Theatre Today

(ALL CHILDREN ADMITTED)  
"Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves"  
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Also Mutt and Jeff Comedy  
Tomorrow—"Mrs. Leffingwells Boots" featuring Constance Talmadge

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